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FAA CENTRAL REGION KANSAS CITY

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SUBJ: CIVAIR: METAL CORROSION IN BEECHRAFT SIERRA 200, S/N

CP 1135

TO: MR MICHAEL G NEUBERGER

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

BEECH AIRCRAFT CORP

WICHITA, KS. 67201

TEL: (316) 689-7111

1. DR RODOLFO RODA, CASILLA 54, SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA, HAS REQUESTED MY ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING YOU REGARDING A MATERIALS FAILURE IN HIS BEECHCRAFT SIERRA 200, REGISTRATION CP 1135. THIS AIRCRAFT, WHICH HAS APPROXIMATELY 430 HOURS OF FLIGHT TIME, SHOWS EVIDENCE OF ACUTE CORROSION IN STATION 68, THE POINT AT WHICH THE FUSELAGE JOINS THE ENGINE FIREWALL. ALTHOUGH THE FIREWALL ITSELF IS COMPLETELY FREE OF CORROSION, STATION 68 HAS VIRTUALLY DISINTEGRATED.

2. DR RODA HAS SENT PIECES OF THE AFFECTED AREA TO A LABORATORY IN BUENOS AIRES FOR ANALYSIS, AND HAS HAD THE AIRCRAFT EXAMINED BY AN ARGENTINE AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE CORROSION RESULTED FROM AN INTERNAL IMPERFECTION IN THE METAL.

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3. IN THE INTEREST OF AIRCRAFT SAFETY, AND OF FUTURE SALES, I INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM. SANTA CRUZ IS THE MAJOR MARKET IN BOLIVIA FOR AIRCRAFT OF THIS TYPE, AND THE HANDLING OF THIS DISPUTE WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON BEECH SALES.

4. A COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM IS BEING SENT TO THE FAA CENTRAL  
REGION OFFICE IN KANSAS CITY.

SINCERELY,  
RALPH R JOHNSON  
COMMERCIAL ATTACHE  
AMERICAN EMBASSY  
LA PAZ, BOLIVIA.  
BOEKER

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